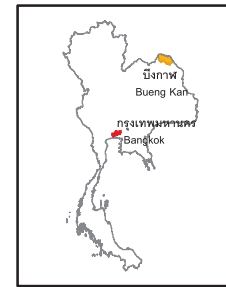




# แผนที่ท่องเที่ยวจังหวัดบึงกาฬ BUENG KAN TOURIST MAP



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| 1 วัดสว่างอารมณ์ หรือ วัดถ้ำศรีธน<br>Wat Sawang Arom or Wat Tham Si Thon | 4 น้ำตกถ้ำฝู่น Namtok Tham Fun                              | 7 หนองกุดทิง Nong Kut Thing   |
| 2 ภูทอก Phu Thok   | 5 เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าภูวัว<br>Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary | 8 วัดโพธิ์ธาราม Wat Photharam |
| 3 น้ำตกเจ็ดสี Namtok Chet Si   | 6 ศาลเจ้าแม่สองนาง<br>Chao Mae Song Nang Shrine             |                               |



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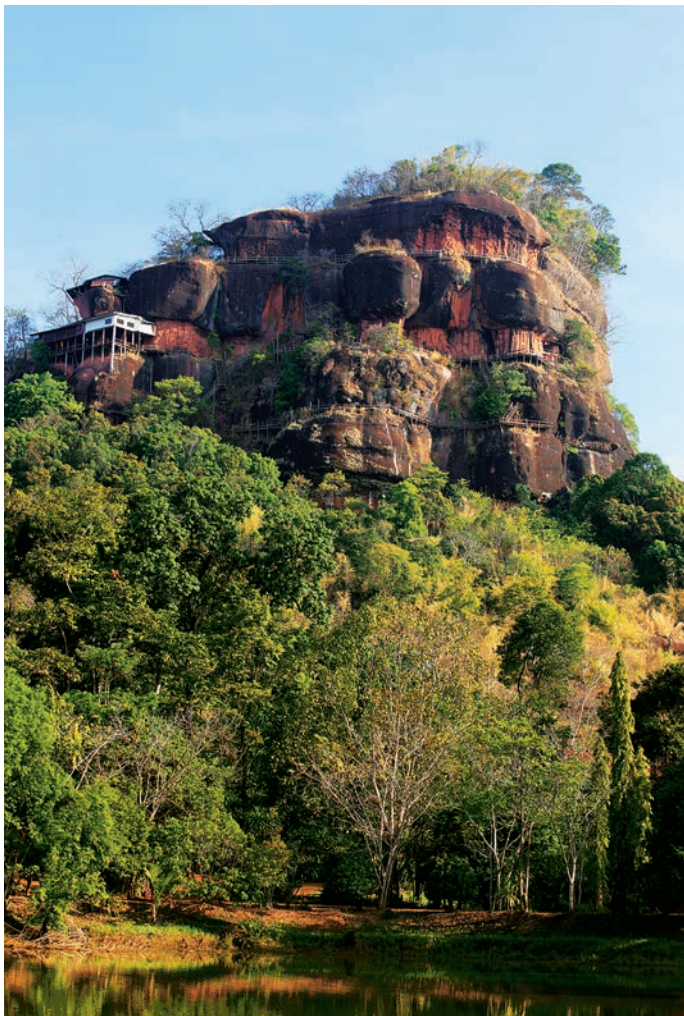
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*Wat Chetiya Khiri Wihan*

## BUENG KAN

Bueng Kan was once proposed for the establishment as a province in 1994 although it was not approved at that time. However, it was once again proposed and passed the approval of the Cabinet on 3 August, 2010, and announced in the Royal Thai Government Gazette and issued as an Act on 22 March, 2011.

Bueng Kan is 751 kilometres from Bangkok with an area of 4,305 square kilometres. It features a lot of attractions including waterfalls and mountains, with certain areas attached to the Mekong River and Borikhamstay Province, Lao PDR. Bueng Kan is divided into 8 districts: Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan, Amphoe Pak Khat, Amphoe So Phisai, Amphoe Si Wilai, Amphoe Phon Charoen, Amphoe Seka, Amphoe Bueng Khong Long, and Amphoe Bung Khla.

### BOUNDARY

- North: connects to the Mekong River, the frontier between Thailand - Lao PDR.
- South: connects to Sakon Nakhon province
- East: connects to Nakhon Phanom province
- West: connects to Nong Khai province

### HOW TO GET THERE

**By car:** From Bangkok, take Highway No. 1 past Saraburi, and change to Highway No. 2 via Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen, Udon Thani, Nong Khai, and Bueng Kan, the total distance is 751 kilometres.

**By bus:** The Transport Company Limited operates a regular route both ordinary and air-conditioned buses to Nong Khai province and then change to another bus from Nong Khai to Bueng Kan. For more information, please contact the Bangkok Bus Terminal (Chatuchak), Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road, Tel. 0 2936 2852-66 or [www.transport.co.th](http://www.transport.co.th).

The Transport Co., Ltd. buses numbers 999 and 99 depart from Bangkok at 6.40 a.m. and leave from Bueng Kan at 5.30 p.m., the Air Udon Co., Ltd. number 79 routing Bangkok - Kumphawapi - Bueng Kan departs at 6.45 a.m., 6.00 and 7.00 p.m., number 943 routing Bangkok - Nong Khai - Bueng Kan departs at 7.00 a.m., 7.15, and 8.45 p.m., The 407 Phatthana





Wat Ahong Silawat

Co., Ltd., number 79 routing Bangkok - Kumphawapi - Bueng Kan and number 943 routing Bangkok - Nong Khai - Bueng Kan - Bung Khla.

**By train:** The State Railway of Thailand operates a train service routing Bangkok - Nong Khai daily and then continue by bus to Bueng Kan. For more information, please call the call centre at Tel. 1690, 0 2220 4334, 0 2220 4261 or [www.railway.co.th](http://www.railway.co.th).

**By plane:** Take a plane to Udon Thani Airport, and go by car to Bueng Kan. For more information on the flight schedule, please contact Thai Airways International Public Co., Ltd., Tel. 0 2356 1111, for Nong Khai, Tel. 0 4241 1530 or [www.thaiairways.com](http://www.thaiairways.com).

### **Distances from Amphoe Mueang to other districts**

Si Wilai	28 kilometres
Bung Khla	39 kilometres
Phon Charoen	45 kilometres
Pak Khat	47 kilometres
So Phisai	55 kilometres
Seka	87 kilometres
Bueng Khlong Long	88 kilometres

## **ATTRACTIONS**

### **Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan**

**Wat Ahong Silawat or Kaeng Ahong** (วัดอาฮงศิลาวาส หรือ แก่งอาฮง)

Located 21 kilometres from the provincial city of Bueng Kan,

this beautifully spacious temple, on the bank of the Mekong River, Tambon Khai Si, houses the Buddha image cast in bronze Phra Phuttha Khuwanan Satsada, a replica of the famous Phra Phuttha Chinnarat. In front of the temple is believed to be the deepest part of the river or the Navel of the Mekong. Its depth is 196 metres measured by throwing a stone tied to a rope. A phenomenon occurs during the rainy season, in which the torrent swirls into a big cone. When it breaks, it sounds like water is seeping through rocks and then disappears. The phenomenon repeats when the next torrent occurs. This happens all day long. The cataract is visible during the dry season between March-May.

Legend has it that the Navel of the Mekong lies a cave located underneath a rock on the Lao PDR side. This cave is opposite Wat Ahong Silawat and is the Mekong giant catfish's habitat, as well as, naga's rendezvous at the end of the Buddhist Lent. Therefore, this is a sacred spot, where the naga fireballs occur a lot. In the temple's compound is a statue of the goddess of the Mekong River's navel, which is popular among the local people, who come to pray for good fortune in money and love. To ask for wishes, they will light two joss sticks together with flowers, a garland, lipstick, perfume, and women's accessories.



*Kaeng Ahong*





Wat Photharam

**Wat Photharam (Wat Luangpho Phra Yai)** (วัดโพธาราม)  
(วัดหลวงพ่อพระใหญ่)

situated at Mu 5, Ban Tha Khrai, Tambon Bueng Kan, 5 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan along Highway No. 212 (Bueng Kan - Nakhon Phanom), enshrines Luangpho Phra Yai, a Buddha image in a subduing Mara posture measuring 5 feet and 4 inches wide across the lap sitting on a rectangular platform that was restored in 1994. The Bueng Kan people organise the celebration of Luangpho Phra Yai twice a year, which are the third lunar month merit tradition, called Bun Khao Chi. There are traditions of offering Prasat Phueng (wax castle) and bathing Luangpho Phra Yai, which will be held in the week after the Songkran Festival. People come to pay homage for their prosperity, career success, wealth, and safety. To worship, they will use flowers, joss sticks and candles and to ask for wishes, and they will use Bang Fai (traditional rockets), and Talai (another kind of firework). Only men are allowed to

pray inside the ubosot while women have to pray at the front door of the ubosot.

**Chaomae Song Nang Shrine** (ศาลเจ้าแม่สงนาง)

is located at Bueng Kan Hospital. The locals believe that the water deity was responsible for the annual death cases of the people living on the banks of the Mekong River. Therefore, they perform a ritual to pay respect to Chaomae Song Nang for water safety and it is where local people come to pray for their success in business and a safe journey, especially via boat. Flowers, joss sticks, candles, garlands, young coconut, and red syrup drink are used for praying.

**Wat Samakkhi Uppatham (Wat Phu Kratae)** (วัดสามัคคีอุปัถิมภัก) (วัดภูกระแต)

is a residence of Luangpho Thongphun Sirikamo (Phra Yannasitthachan), Ecclesiastical Provincial Governor of Nong Khai, who is a meditation monk under the School of Phra Achan Man Phurithatta Thera and Phra Achan Chuan Kurlachettho of Wat Chetiya Khiri Wihan (Phu Thok). He is a highly respected and merciful monk. People come to pay homage for auspiciousness in their lives. The sermon hall houses a sacred image of Phra Sangkatchai that is 30 inches wide across the lap and is famous for asking for prosperity in business and a happy life.

**Wat Si Sophon Thammathan (Wat Tai)** (วัดศรีโสภณธรรมทาน) (วัดใต้)

enshrines Phra Phuttha Sophon Mongkhon Tai, which is a Buddha image in the Lan Xang period; made of bronze in a subduing Mara posture (the same characteristic as Luangpho Phra Sai in Nong Khai province) including the other three ancient Buddha images in the Lan Xang period and a statue of Luangpho Mek (a former ecclesiastical district officer of Amphoe Bueng Kan); those are sacred Buddha images that locals come to pray for happiness in their lives, prosperity in career, and good fortune by using flowers, joss sticks, and garlands for asking for blessings and using the five aggregates or Pancakkhandha for asking for wishes.

**Wat Pa Ban Phan Lam** (วัดป่าบ้านพันลำ)

situated on the bank of the Mekong River, Tambon Wisit, is a



Wat Pa Ban Phan Lam

Maha Nikaya Sect temple and a respectful place for Dhamma practice. The temple features Luangpho Sila, a sacred Buddha image in a giving blessing posture carved from stone. It is 40 inches wide across the lap and is highly revered by people in the area. It is believed that one, who pays homage to this sacred image, will have good fortune and be safe from harm.

**Wat Buppharat Samoson (Wat Klang) (วัดบุพพาราสโมสร)**  
(วัดกลาง)

was formerly the 10<sup>th</sup> Dhamma practice residence of Nong Khai on the Mekong Riverbank close to Bueng Kan Sub-district Municipality with the Ecclesiastical District Officer of Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan as the temple's abbot. The principal Buddha image in the ubosot is Luangpho Wat Klang, an ancient image made of brick and cement in the Lan Xang art style, 59 inches wide across the lap, which is one of the most respected Buddha images of the Bueng Kan people. Locals like to come to ask for wishes to be successful in their careers and be safe from danger.



Wat Buppharat Samoson

**Nong Kut Thing (หนองกุดทิง)**

Covering an area of 22,000 rai with a depth of 5-10 metres, Kut Thing Marshland is situated 5 kilometres from the provincial city of Bueng Kan. It is a biodiverse marshland providing a haven for over 250 species of aquatic wetland wildlife. These include 20 endemic fish species, 200 species of aquatic plants, and 40 species of birds. The ecologically rich Nong Kut Thing is also an important source of livelihood





Wat Sawang Arom

for the local community of 2,000 households. It ranks Thailand's 11<sup>th</sup> wetland of international importance or Ramsar site.

### **Talat Lao** (ตลาดลาว)

or the Lao Market opens every Tuesday and Friday. Laotian sellers cross over to Bueng Kan to sell all kinds of things like vegetables and supplies of fresh and processed food.

### **Amphoe Pak Khat**

**Wat Sawang Arom or Wat Tham Si Thon** (วัดสว่างอารมณ์ หรือ วัดถ้ำศรีอน)

is located on the rocky ground of a hill. It is shady with trees and a small stream flows through it. The Ubosot (ordination hall) stands on a giant boulder. Down below, a reclining Buddha image is housed for the people to pay homage to. From here, a view of Laos can be seen in the distance.

It is one of the main temples of Nong Khai province, covering an area of 40 rai. According to history, the area used to be the dwellings of Pak Khat villagers, who migrated from Ban Pak Kluai, Pak San district of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. In the past, the area was a wild jungle and full of a variety of wild animals, whereas in each year, there were monks coming on austere practices because the place was so serene that was suitable for Dhamma practice.

Later, the head monk, Don Inthasaro or Luangpu Don, who is respected by Pak Khat villagers, built and developed the temple, respectively. It was assumed that the name of Wat Si Thon came from the fact that the temple is located near Peng Chan Nakhon Rat town, which was ruled by Thao Si Thon, according to legend.

*To get there:* From downtown, take Highway No. 212 to Amphoe Pak Khat, there will be a junction on the right and go for about 500 metres to the temple.

### **Amphoe Si Wilai**

#### **Phu Thok** (ภูทอก)

means an isolated mountain in Isan dialect. Located in Ban Na Kham Khaen, Tambon Na Sabaeng, this sandstone range stands out and can be seen from a distance. It consists of two hills: Phu Thok Yai and Phu Thok Noi. Previously, this area was dense woods with many wild animals. Because of its tranquility, Phra Achan Chuan Kunlachettho, a meditation master, initially established a meditation place here for Buddhists to practise the Buddha's teachings.

Phu Thok Noi is where Wat Chetiya Khiri Wihan (Wat Phu Thok) is situated. This temple is the starting point of a walk up to the top of Phu Thok, via a wooden bridge winding around the steep mountain. The bridge was built with faith from monks, novices and villagers. The construction began in 1969 and took five years to complete. This bridge is compared to a path of virtue that leads a righteous man to leave a world and enter into emancipation by their own efforts and determination. Phu Thok is still a meditation practice centre and a place for the community's religious affairs. Visitors shall be calm in manner and pay respect to the place. The bridge's stairs to the mountain top are divided into seven sections.

The first and second sections leading to the third section wind around the mountain which is covered by a dense dark forest with boulders and rocky grounds. At the end of the third section, a left turn is a very steep shortcut through the channel-like rock formation straight to the fifth section, but a right turn provides a path up to the fourth section.

The fourth section climbs around the mountain and

overlooks small hills dotting the ground below called “Dong Chomphu” whose area to the west borders Phu Langka which is a rain forest in Amphoe Seka. Here, it is a residence for nuns. The section is around 400 metres in circumference and is provided with rest areas here and there along the path.

The fifth section has pavilions and monk’s residences. There are several caves along the route to the sixth section. Many spacious rest areas are available on the sixth section, including cliffs, such as Pha Thep Nimit, Pha Hua Chang, Pha Thep Sathit, etc. To the north, visitors can see a natural stone bridge to Phra Wiha (hall) where the Lord Buddha’s relics are enshrined. Here, a mountainous line of Phu Thok Yai can be seen clearly. Most visitors often end their walk here. Since a further move to the seventh section goes along the winding bridge which clings to an edge of the high steep cliff, for around 400 metres before reaching the shady forested hilltop destination. To visitors, this may seem horrifying and too dangerous.

*To get there:* Phu Thok is around 185 kilometres from the town of Nong Khai. Take Highway 212, past Pho Chai, Pak Khat and Bueng Kan districts. Then, turn left to take Highway 222 and head for Si Wilai district. From Si Wilai, take a left turn and go on for another 30 kilometres., past Ban U Kham, Ban Na Sing, Ban San Sai Ngam, Ban Saeng Charoen to Ban Na Kham Khaen and Phu Thok.

Phu Thok is closed on 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April, For more details please call, Tel. 08 7493 0355.

## Amphoe Bung Khla

### *Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary (เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าภูวัว)*

is situated at Ban Don Chik passing Amphoe Bung Khla for 3 kilometres then making a right turn and going for about 6 kilometres. The Sanctuary covers an area of 186.5 square kilometres or 116,562 rai in Amphoe Bung Khla, Amphoe Seka, and Amphoe Bueng Khong Long, which is almost attached to the border of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. With an average altitude of 150-300 metres above sea level, the Sanctuary composes of deciduous dipterocarp, dry evergreen, and tropical evergreen rain forests with

partial sandstone mountain ridges, stone yard, and grass field and an abundance of wild animals; such as, elephants, barking deer, bears, civet cats, pheasant, red junglefowl, monkeys, and several kinds of gibbons. However, due to the limitation of only 40 square kilometres of evergreen forest, it is difficult for large animals to breed. At Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary, there is one life form that can be found only in Thailand and the world, which is the “Phu Wua lizard” (*Ptyctolaemus phuwanensis*). This type of lizard has a different lifestyle from other species; during the day, it stays in a cave or rock hole, and goes out for eating at night. This place would be interesting for visitors, who love trekking and nature studying. For more information, please contact Khun Thaweeep Khampaengmueang, Head of the Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary, at Tel. 08 9862 3389.

## Places of Interest

### *Namtok Tham Fun (น้ำตกถ้ำขุน)*

is located in Ban Phu Sawat, Tambon Nong Doen. Drive on Highway 212, and 7 kilometres before reaching Bung Khla district, turn right to go on for around 4 kilometres The waterfall is encompassed by a timber forest with a scenic view of the northern Phu Wua. A walking trail passes a rocky ground to the cascade which is seen along the long narrow channel on the sandstone cliff. There is water only in the rainy season.

### *Namtok Chet Si (น้ำตกเจ็ดสี)*

is located in Ban Don Siat, Tambon Ban Tong, Amphoe Seka. This very beautiful waterfall, especially during the rainy season, originates from a stream of Huai Ka-am and flows along a high sandstone cliff to spread over a long line. The falling water that hits the rocks below causes a spray of water which gives rainbow colours when seen in sunlight. So came the name “Namtok Chet Si,” which means a waterfall of seven colours.

*To get there:* Drive on Highway 212, and 12 kilometres before reaching Bung Khla district, turn right at Ban Chai Phon. Head for the waterfall, past Ban Phu Ngoen and Ban Don Siat, for 28 kilometres or from Phu Thok, take the route via Ban Na Tong and Ban Don Siat, totalling 14 kilometres.



### *Namtok Phu Tham Phra (น้ำตกภูถ้ำพระ)*

is located in Ban Tham Phra, Tambon Sok Kam, Amphoe Seka. It is around 34 kilometres from Seka district. Like other waterfalls at Phu Wua, it has water only in the rainy season. A monastic residence or Samnak Song here is tranquil and shady. Walking down to the rocky ground at the back, visitors will find a valley with a deep bottom of around 200 square metres where a waterfall flows down the valley. The waterfall is on a cliff of around 100 metres wide and 50 metres high. Visitors can play in the pool.

*To get there:* It is rather a difficult trip. From Bung Khla

district, drive on Highway 212 for 24 kilometres to Ban Tha Dok Kham. Turn right to take a dirt road to Huai Bang Bat and go further by boat to the waterfall.

### *Namtok Chanaen (น้ำตกชะแนน)*

is located in Ban Phu Ngoen, Amphoe Seka. Originally, it was called "Namtok Tat Sanaen." "Tat" literally means a place where water flows. "Sanaen" refers to "summit" or "excellence." This waterfall has its origin from Lam Huai Sanaen. It is 100 metres wide and has two tiers with an interval of 300 metres. This is a large and beautiful waterfall which has water only in the rainy season. The path to the



*Namtok Chanaen*

waterfall passes Khua Hin or a natural stone bridge of around 100 metres long, where a phenomenon of water disappearing under the bridge can be witnessed. A walk up to the second tier passes along a stream dotted with boulders. Following the stream on its left bank, visitors will find a broad ground by a large pool. There is another small waterfall called Namtok Bueng Chorakhe, rushing down to the pool.

*To get there:* Use the same route to Namtok Chet Si. Take the Ban Chai Phon – Ban Phu Ngoen route for 13 kilometres. Follow a small road off the route for another 5 kilometres. Go further for the final distance on a bumpy narrow dirt road accessible by only motorcycle.

### **Upper Northeast Plant Conservation Centre** (ศูนย์อนุรักษ์พันธุ์ไม้ป่าไม้ภาคตะวันออกเฉียงเหนือตอนบน)

located in the area of Phu Thok Noi Forest, Mu 6, Ban Phu Sawat, Tambon Nong Doen, is an ecotourism route, which came from the royal initiative of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Covering an area of 2,115 rai, the forest is so abundant with the rehabilitated forest of 1,150 rai, planting more than 100 kinds of herbs, more importantly; a new plant species of the world was discovered here by Dr. Chawalit Niyomtham, a botanist of the Royal Forest Department. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has given the botanical name of this new breed as “*Bauhinia Sirindhorniae*”. In addition, the Centre features numerous species of orchids and other plants; for example, Dok Khulu Nang Ua, Dok Phueng, Chai Pha Sida, Kratae Tai Mai, Singto Klok Ta, ground orchid; such as, Dusita (Dok Khamin), Soi Suwanna (Ya Si Thong), Ueang Mai Na, and is a habitat of wild animals like red junglefowl, boar, barking deer, hare, porcupine, mouse-deer, white squirrel, black squirrel, treeshrew, ringed teal, and several species of fowls.

The Centre’s area is adjacent to “Huai Bang Bat” or “Bueng Bang Bat” whereas visitors can take a boat to see the nature around the reservoir. Boats for 3-4 persons are available at 200 Baht/boat/trip, taking about 3 hours per round. Tourists, who want to take an adventure by driving a four-wheeled vehicle, trekking, seeing nature, camping, riding a mountain bike, are recommended to visit during September-January,

which is the time when the flowers are blooming and the forest is very green.

*Accommodation:* The centre provides two houses for 20 visitors and two spots for camping, as well as provides food by order (for at least 5 visitors); contact in advance is recommended. For visitors who want to cook themselves, they should bring their own supplies. For more information, please contact the Centre, Khun Prasert Thongkul, at Tel. 08 1965 2002.

*To get there:* From Nong Khai, take Highway No. 212 to Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan for 135 kilometres and go straight to Amphoe Bung Khla for another 20 kilometres to the sign of the Huai Bang Bat Reservoir. There is a bus of the Transport Co., Ltd. available: an air-conditioned bus No. 224 (Udon Thani - Nakhon Phanom) operating twice a day at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. taking about 3 hours and ordinary bus (Udon Thani - Nakhon Phanom) operating every 45 minutes from 6.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. with 4 hours travel time. Visitors who want to drive with their own vehicle should use a four-wheeled one. For visitors’ convenience and safety, it is advisable to contact the guiding staff to prevent from getting lost in the forest due to the winding and grinding condition of the Centre’s area. It takes about 1 hour on foot to walk to the scenic point.

### **Hat Sida** (หาดสีดา)

located at Ban Nong Doen Tha, Tambon Nong Doen, is a beautiful white sandy beach with a distance of 2.5 kilometres along the Mekong River. The place is suitable for relaxation with its spectacular scenery, especially in the middle of the Mekong River across the beach is a long line of stone ridges that make a strong stream in that area. Also, there is the mountainous area of Phu Ngu of Lao PDR. casting along the Mekong River.

Besides being a beautiful attraction, Hat Sida is a place where Amphoe Bung Khla people hold the Songkran Festival every year during 13 -15 April, which includes pouring water onto the elderly and distinguished people of the district. Hat Sida always attracts tourists to visit every year because of its beautiful nature of the white sandy beach, ridges in the middle of the Mekong River, and



spectacular view.

*To get there:* From Nong Khai, follow Highway No. 212 (Nong Khai Nakhon Phanom) and make a left turn at Km. 171-172 then go on to an asphalt road for 2.5 kilometres. There will be a sign until arriving at the path to the beach.

## Amphoe Bueng Khong Long

### *Bueng Khong Long (บึงโขงหลง)*

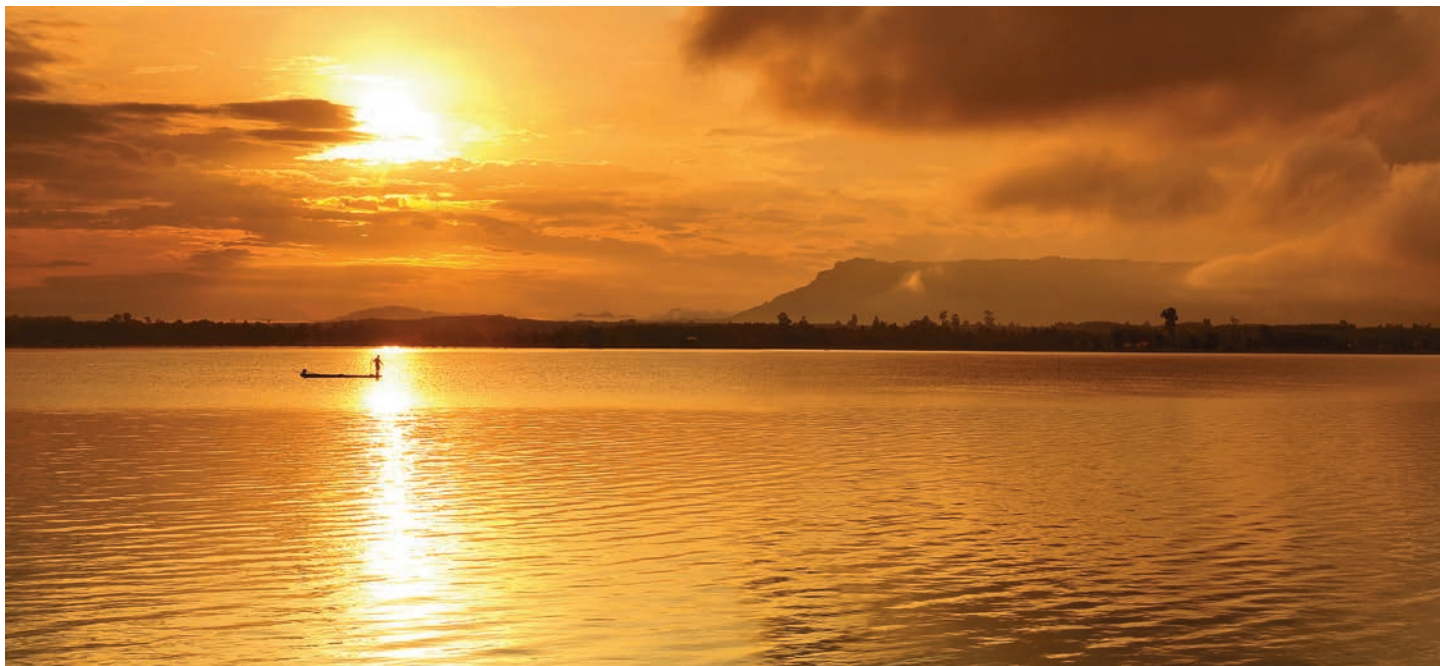
is an ecotourism attraction and a large source of fresh water. The reservoir is narrow and long with an area of 8,064 rai and the average water depth of 0.05 - 1.0 metre. The water origin of Bueng Khong Long came from water from Phu Wua and Phu Langka. Formerly, it was a narrow stream flowing into Lam Huai Hi and going into the Songkhram River and finally to the Mekong River. In 1977, His Majesty the King initiated the project of the reservoir for agriculture to the Irrigation Department to implement, which was completed in 1980. In 1982, it was announced to be the Bueng Khong Long Non-hunting Area and registered as the World's Wetland of International Importance No. 1,098 in 2001. The

area covers more than 22 square kilometres with 13 km. long and 2 km. wide. The reservoir is a habitat of varieties of aquatic animals and plants including the rare Mekong Bumblebee Goby. More than 100 species of waterfowls are found. Also, it is a habitat of more than 30 kinds of migrating birds in the winter along the migration route of the Eastern Asia Flyway; for example, lesser whistling duck, garganey, plumed egret, little egret, and tailed jacana. For further details, please call Tel. 08 1954 8990.

*To get there:* From Bueng Kan downtown, follow Highway No. 222, and make a turn to Highway No. 2036 passing Amphoe Seka, Bueng Khong Long will be on the left.

### *Namtok Sa-am (น้ำตกสะอาม)*

located at Tambon Pho Mak Khaeng is another beautiful large waterfall in the west of Phu Wua Wildlife Sanctuary. The waterfall area features a strange characteristic; the ridges of the mountain are a stone cliff and stone yard with a 3-5 kilometre distance. From a stone yard on the ridge, visitors can see all the scenery in the west of Phu Wua.



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## LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SOUVENIRS

**Ban Sa-ngo Local Textile Weaving Group** (กลุ่มผ้าทอพื้นเมืองบ้านสะงอ) 109 Mu 2, Ban Sa-ngo, Tambon Ho Kham, Tel. 08 4242 2524, 08 9575 3649 (sells loincloths, blankets, shawls, etc.)

**Ho Kham Agricultural Housewives Group** (กลุ่มแม่บ้านเกษตรกรหอคำ) Contact Khun Pranian Tihokham at Tel. 08 5007 2460 (selling velvet tamarind of the Mae Pranian Brand).

## FACILITIES IN BUENG KAN

### ACCOMMODATION

*(The room rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed. Please ask for current information from each hotel when making reservation.)*

### Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan

**A Hong Mae Khong View** (อาสง แม่โขงวิว) Mu 3 Tambon Khai Si, Tel. 0 4290 1112, 15 rooms, 500-800 Baht.

**A & P Resort** (เอ แอนด์ พี รีสอร์ท) 209 Mu 4 Bueng Kan – Nakhon Phanom, Tel. 08 1739 4632, 08 1964 6989, 5 houses, 350 Baht.

**Ban Tho Saeng** (บ้านทองแสง) 488 Mu 7, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 1912, 08 1380 4212, 08 9711 7620, 15 rooms, 350-400 Baht.

**Chaiyaphuek Resort & Hotel** (ชัยพฤกษ์ รีสอร์ท แอนด์ โฮเทล) 192 Mu 10 Bueng Kan - Phang Khon, Tel. 08 9275 3629, 08 9843 4789, 18 rooms, 400-700 Baht.

**Century Grand** (เซ็นจูรี่ แกรนด์) 110 Mu 8 Tambon Bueng Sawan, Tel. 0 4249 2789, 70 rooms, 450-950 Baht.

**Khum Kham Ngoen Resort** (คุ้มคำเงิน รีสอร์ท) 20 Mu 1 Tambon Bueng Kan, Tel. 0 4249 1182, 08 9623 2154, 12 rooms, 200-600 Baht.

**Mae Namm Hotel** (แม่่น้ำ) 107 Mu 1, Chan Sin Road, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 1051-2, 0 4249 1216, Fax. 0 4249 1216 www.maenammhotel.com, 22 rooms, 350-450 Baht.

**Namwan Resort** (น้ำหวาน รีสอร์ท) 189 Mu 11 Tambon Wisit, Tel. 08 1769 3768, 08 1056 0788, 22 houses, 350-800 Baht.

**Pen Nueng Resort** (เป็นหนึ่งในรีสอร์ท) 184 Mu 9, Tambon Bueng Kan, Tel. 0 4240 3061, 08 6230 0340, 08 9715 8882, 33 rooms, 250 - 600 Baht.

**Ruean Thong Resort** (เรือนทองรีสอร์ท) 148 Mu 9, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 2186, 08 5000 6755, 18 rooms, 200 - 400 Baht.

**Salete Resort** (สเลเต รีสอร์ท) 347 Mu 9 Ban Saen Prasoet, Tel. 08 5850 6572, 08 7437 2704, 08 4954 3976, 11 rooms, 250-350 Baht.

**Sai Ngoen Resort** (ทรายเงิน รีสอร์ท) 149 Bueng Kan – Phang Khon, Tel. 0 4249 1833-4 Fax: 0 4249 1055, 33 rooms, 250-400 Baht.

**Samran** (สำราญ) 222/1 Mi Chai Road, Tel. 0 4249 1788, 0 4240 3435, 08 7231 4003, 33 rooms, 450 - 550 Baht.

**Saman Mit** (สมานมิตร) 343 Mu 1 Prasat Chai Road, Tel. 0 4249 1678, 20 rooms, 180-300 Baht.

**Thai Sombun Apartment** (ไทยสมบุญ อพาร์ทเมนต์) Ban Don Udom, Tambon Non Sombun, Tel. 0 4202 3217, 08 4514 8618, 30 rooms, 200-400 Baht.

**Thawadai Resort** (ทวาได รีสอร์ท) 180 Mu 11 Bueng Kan – Phang Khon, Tel. 0 4249 2962, 08 4755 0677, 5 rooms, 250-350 Baht.

**Wang Kham Riverview** (วังคำ ริเวอร์วิว) 83 Mu 13, Tambon Ho Kham, Tel. 08 1488 7478, 08 6458 4938, 12 rooms, 300 - 600 Baht (will be 800 - 1,500 Baht during the End of the Buddhist Lent period and at least 2 nights stay is required).

**Wiang Fa** (เวียงฟ้า) 491 Mu 1, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 2252, 0 4249 2259, 42 rooms, 200-300 Baht.

### Amphoe Seka

**Ban Suan** (บ้านสวน) 187 Mu 10, Ban Non Sa-nga, Tambon Sang, Tel. 0 4290 9083, 10 rooms, 350 Baht.

**Chan Mueang Resort** (ชานเมือง รีสอร์ท) Seka-Bueng Khong Long Road, Tel. 08 7953 2702, 20 houses, 200-300 Baht.



**Mu Suki Resort** (หมูสุกี้ รีสอร์ท) 41 Mu 20, Tambon Seka, Tel. 0 4290 9234, 08 4980 9627.

**Rim Nam Resort** (ริมน้ำ รีสอร์ท) Seka - Bueng Khong Long Road, Tel. 0 4248 9427, 08 9964 7134, 16 rooms, 250-350 Baht.

**Saowalak Villa** (วิลล่า) 302 Mu 10 Seka-Akat Amnuai, Tel. 0 4248 9960, 28 houses, 350-400 Baht.

**Siriphon Resort** (ศิริพร รีสอร์ท) 31 Mu 7 Tambon Nong Kung, Tel. 08 5457 1454, 08 3326 3349, 8 houses, 200-400 Baht.

**Suan Suriyon Resort** (สวนสุริยณ รีสอร์ท) 19 Mu 2 Tambon Tha Kok Daeng, Tel. 08 3337 3230, 0 4202 1570, 10 houses, 250-600 Baht.

**Suphanni House** (บ้านพักสุพรรณนิ) 1 Mu 20, Ban Thep Mongkhon, Tambon Seka, Tel. 08 1055 8932, 12 rooms, 200-300 Baht.

**Thiphawan Resort** (ทิพวรรณ รีสอร์ท) 114 Mu 5, Ban Nong Yang, Tambon Sang, Tel. 08 9843 5303, 15 rooms, 200-350 Baht.

**View Inn** (วิวอินน์ แมนชั่น) 176 Mu 10 Tambon Seka, Tel. 0 4248 9676, 08 1060 6667, 20 rooms, 320-350 Baht.

## Amphoe Si Wilai

**Phattrapphon Resort** (ภัทรรพ รีสอร์ท) 189 Mu 2 Ban Si Wilai Chumphon, Tel. 0 4249 7557, 10 houses, 250-400 Baht.

**Siwilai Court Resort and Spa** (ศรีวิไล คอร์ท รีสอร์ท แอนด์ สปา) 119 Mu 11, Ban Si Wilai Rungrueang, Tel. 08 3365 9119, 10 rooms, 500-1,000 Baht.

**Thung Setthi Resort** (ทุ่งเศรษฐี รีสอร์ท) 161 Mu 3, Tambon Si Wilai, Tel. 08 3149 2544, 10 rooms, 200-300 Baht.

## Amphoe Bueng Khong Long

**Huean Tum Home** (เหือนตุมโฮม) Tambon Bueng Khong Long, 4 houses, 250-400 Baht.

**Resort Klang Dong** (รีสอร์ท กลางดง) Bueng Khong Long-Banpang Road Tel. 08 1739 5702, 12 rooms, 200-300 Baht.

**Rung Phet Garden** (รุ่งเพชร การ์เด้น) 56 Mu 3 Tambon Bueng Khong Long, Tel. 08 6220 3291, 5 houses, 250-350 Baht.

**Suphansa Banphak** (สุพรรณษา บ้านพัก) Mu 3 Tambon Bueng Khong, Tel. 08 9216 2246, 5 houses, 250-350 Baht.

## Amphoe Pak Khat

**Khong Kham Khun** (โขงคำขุน) 62 Mu 6, Rim Khong Road, Tel. 0 4240 4080, 08 9712 8598, Fax. 0 4248 1079, 20 rooms, 350-1,200 Baht.

**Ruean Kao** (เรือนแก้ว) 96 Mu 6, Tha Na Khun, Tambon Pak Khat, Tel. 0 4240 4294, 14 rooms, 250-400 Baht.

**Waen Kham Resort** (แวนคำ รีสอร์ท) Ban Non Yang, Nong Khai- Bueng Kan Road, Tel. 08 1708 5256, 11 rooms, 350-450 Baht.

## Amphoe Bung Khla

**Monprasit Resort** (มนต์ประสิทธิ์ รีสอร์ท) 27 Mu 3 Tambon Bung Khla, Tel. 0 4249 9147, 08 8539 8995, 12 houses, 500-600 Baht.

**Rim Khong Resort** (ริมโขง รีสอร์ท) Mu 1, Tambon Bung Khla, Tel. 08 5006 0708, 5 rooms, 200-800 Baht.

## Amphoe Phon Charoen

**Ban Tho Fan** (บ้านทอดผ่น) opposite Khlong Thom Market, Tel. 08 3453 3878, 08 9712 3292, 13 houses, 250-400 Baht.

**Chutipphon Resort** (ชุตินพน์ รีสอร์ท) Tambon Phon Charoen, Tel. 08 1964 2923, 08 1954 9113, 15 houses, 250-450 Baht.

## Amphoe So Phisai

**Ban Phuean Resort** (บ้านเพื่อน รีสอร์ท) 223 Mu 2 Tambon So, Tel. 08 3340 4887, 08 6220 2997, 4 houses, 160-500 Baht.

**Ban Suan Resort** (บ้านสวน รีสอร์ท) 72 Mu 16 Tambon So, Tel. 08 1717 9516, 200-300 Baht.

**Kaman Resort** (กะมัน รีสอร์ท) 199 Mu 5 Tambon So, Tel. 08 9049 4847, 10 rooms, 250-350 Baht.

**Ole Hongphak** (โอเล่ หองพัก) 496 Mu 3 Tambon So, Tel. 0 4248 5323, 20 rooms, 150-250 Baht.

**Phrueksa Resort** (พฤษภา รีสอร์ท) 116 Mu 3 Tambon So, Tel. 08 1075 3448, 15 houses, 400 Baht.

**Pu Pe Resort** (ปูเป้ รีสอร์ท) 43 Mu 1 Tambon So, Tel. 08 9941 3006, 9 rooms, 300-500 Baht.

**Tutor Resort** (ติวเตอร์ รีสอร์ท) 232 Mu 7 Tambon Lao Thong, Tel. 08 8540 9899, 7 houses, 300-350 Baht.

## RESTAURANTS

### Amphoe Mueang Bueng Kan

**Ban Khun Ta Khrua Khun Yai** (บ้านขุนตา ครัวขุนยาย) Bueng Kan Road, Tel. 0 4249 1772.

**Bua Ban Restaurant** (ร้านบัวบาน) Chao Mae Song Nang Road (in front of the police station), Tel. 08 1016 2717 (open 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m., recommended menu: noodle, rice with pork leg in gravy).

**Chon Ngoen Chon Thong** (ช้อนเงิน ช้อนทอง) Rim Khong Road, Tel. 08 3451 2918 (open 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m., recommended menu: Lap Thot, Yam Pla Maenam Khong).

**Churiphon** (จूरิพร) 372 Mu 1 Chan Sin Road, Tambon Bueng Kan, Tel. 0 4249 1362 (open 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.)

**Joy Restaurant** (จอย เรสโตรองต์) located on the Mekong Riverbank in the Mekong Guesthouse, Tel. 0 4249 1341 (open 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.)

**Khao Mankai Ouichai** (ข้าวมันไก่อร่อยใจ) Bamrungrat Road, Tel. 08 9275 4280.

**Khrua Bai Yok** (ครัวใบหยก) Rim Khong Road, Tel. 08 8062 1550 (open 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.)

**Khrua Phu Wa 2000** (ครัวผู้ว่า 2000) 264 Prasat Chai Road, Tambon Bueng Kan, Tel. 0 4240 3343, 08 9050 1199 (open 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.)

**Khrua Kiang Tawan** (ครัวเคียงตะวัน) 102 Mu 9, Tel. 08 9002 8668 (open 8.00 a.m. - 16.30 p.m.)

**Khrua Mae Nam** (ครัวแม่น้ำ) 107 Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 1037.

**Khrua Sawoei** (ครัวเสวย) Prasat Chai Road, Tel. 08 1778 5949.

**Khlong Samran Restaurant** (ร้านอาหารคลองสำราญ) 187 Mu 10, Tambon Bueng Kan, Tel. 08 1546 4898, 08 5696 7454 (open 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.)

**Kuai Tiao Nuea Chao Kao Sutdoem** (ก้วยเตี่ยวเนื้อเจ้าเก่า สูตรเดิม) Prasat Chai Road, Tel. 08 4553 2899.

**Lom Choi Pla Phao** (ลมไชยปลาเผา) Rim Khong Road, Tel. 08 3151 5403 (open 8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.)

**Maenam** (แม่น้ำ) 118 Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 1037 (recommended menu: Tomyam Pla Nam Khong).

**Mawin Ocha** (มาวิน โอชา) Prasat Chai Road, Tel. 08 5659 2731, 0 4249 1356.

**Mukda Bakery** (มุกดา เบเกอรี่) 65 Mu 1, Tel. 0 4249 1339, 08 1954 4002 (open 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m., recommended menu: fresh coffee, cake).

**New Pho Chai** (นิวฟอจ) Chansin Road, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 0 4249 1600, 08 1369 5941.

**Phailin Korean Grilled Beef** (ไฟลิน เนื้อย่างเกาหลี) 439 Mu 7, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 08 1261 5314 (open 8.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.)

**Phat Thai Restaurant** (ร้านผัดไทย) 481 Mu 7, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 08 7078 7281 (open 7.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.)

**Somtarn Che Ya** (ส้มตำเจีย) Mu 1 Rak Sa-ngop Road, Tambon Wisit, Tel. 08 4029 1299 (open 8.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.)

**Yot Kuai Tiao Ruea with Ayutthaya recipe** (ร้านยอดก้วยเตี่ยวเรือสุทรอยุธยา) 7 Mi Chai Road, Tel. 08 1364 7905 (open 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.)



## USEFUL CALLS

Provincial Office	Tel. 0 4249 2721
Tourist Police	Tel. 1155
Highway Police	Tel. 1193
Provincial Police Station	Tel. 0 4249 1258
Bueng Kan Hospital	Tel. 0 4249 1161-3
Provincial Transport Office	Tel. 0 4249 1245
Tourism and Recreation Center	Tel. 0 4372 3346



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